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Lesson # 1

Grade :10

Subject : Agricultural Science

Topic : The role of the Government and the Private sector

Sub Topic: Importance of Government and the Private sector in Agriculture Development

What is Government/Public Sector?

- Small, medium or large scale project which is run and controlled by the government is known as public sector or government undertaking.
- It has a simple motive of providing services to society.
- Generally public sectors are structured for a commercial scale outcome.
- The role of the government is always very important in all area weather it is education, security or services.
- The public sector consists of an expanding ring of organizations, with core government at the center, followed by agencies and public enterprises.

The key characteristics of public sector entities are:

- **Public** accountability.
- Multiple objectives.
- Rights, powers and responsibilities (Constitutional or devolved)
- Lack of equity ownership.
- Operating and financial frameworks set by legislation.
- The importance of the budget.
- Governance structures.
- Nature of resources.

What is Private Sector?

- The undertakings of private sectors are run and controlled by an individual person or a group or organization. Government has no control over them.
- In private sector many companies are run by a single person or shareholders. Director, General Manager, chief Executive Officer are key person.
- The private sector plays an essential role in both urban and economic development.

- The private sector contribute to national income and it is also a principal job provider.
- Understanding the private sector might help you steer your private company and eventually your community toward maximum benefits.
- Essentially, private sector actors determine whether urban areas develop in sustainable ways, influence poverty reduction and drive conflicts like unemployment, instability and exclusion.

Main features of the private sector

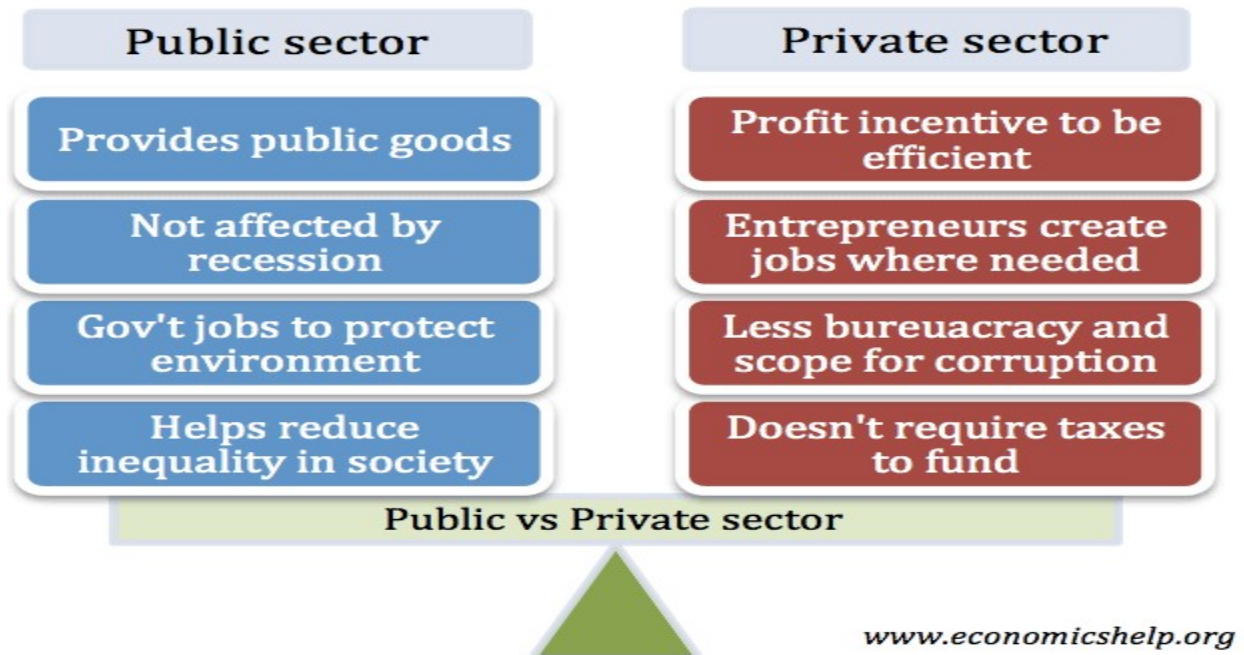
The main feature of the private sector is its management by private individuals without government involvement, but there are more features of the private sector:

- Profit motive
- Private ownership and control
- No state participation
- Independent management
- Private finance
- Work culture of employees

The role of the Government and the Private sector

The Government and Private sector is playing an important role in developing technologies to raise productivity in agriculture. This is done by providing;

- training,
- subsidies
- incentives
- credit
- infrastructures
- market facilities
- downstream industries
- crafting agriculture policies.



Review questions

1. Explain in your own words what is the Public Sector?
2. Describe how has the Public sector aid Agriculture development.
3. Explain in your own words what is the Private Sector?
4. Describe how has the Private sector aid Agriculture development.
5. Briefly explain 3 roles of the Government and the Private sector in Agriculture development.

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